

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE filed on 06/09/05 and Amendment filed on 05/06/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4,6-11,13-18,20 and 29-31.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 19 August 1999 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 2/17/98, 04/08/99
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 7/5/05
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with **Mr. Ross F. Hunt, Jr., Reg. No. 24,082 on 07/05/05.**

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 20, lines 11 and 12 of the claim, [in a common plane with,] has been deleted, and in the last line of the claim, following "disposed" and before "a corresponding" --in a common plane with-- has been inserted.

The following amendments have been made in order to correct minor informalities and have been performed by the Examiner without the Applicant's authorization:

Claim 20, line 10 of the claim, [connections] has been replaced with --connectors--;

Claim 17, line 11 of the claim, following "disposed", [with] has been replaced with --within--.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The Applicant's arguments presented in the amendment have been found persuasive.

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Claims as amended are believed to be patentable over the art of record. Specifically, as amended, Claim 1 recites: “the housing having a cavity in an upper surface thereof and said connector being disposed proximate to said cavity so that the device is positioned in the cavity wherein the connectors are coupled”;

Claim 17 recites: “said connector disposed within the housing being positioned on the housing such that a PDA that communicates with the computer when the connectors are coupled rests on an upper surface of the housing;

Claim 20 recites: “the housing having an end surface in which the connector is disposed and against which the device abuts when said connectors are coupled, the connector of the device being coupled, in use, to the connector of the housing such that at least one of a top surface and a bottom surface of the device is flush with, so as to be disposed in a common plane with a corresponding surface of the housing”;

Claim 30 recites: “a connector operatively coupled to the communications link, said connector being disposed within the housing and being receptive to a corresponding connector of a device such that the device communicates with the computer over the communications link when the connectors are coupled, said housing including a cradle cavity in which the device nests and which includes a support surface on which a major areal surface of the device rests”.

The aforementioned limitations in combination with all remaining limitations of the respective independent claims, are believed to render said independent claims 1, 17, 20, and 30 and all claims dependent therefrom patentable over the art of record.

Regarding claim 18, reasons for allowance of the claim have been presented earlier in section # 7 of the non-final Office action mailed on 11/18/04.

Thus, at this point the record appears to be clear as to the reasons for allowance of all pending claims.

None of the references cited during prosecution of the instant application either taken alone or in combination is believed to render the present invention unpatentable as claimed.

3. Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anatoly Vortman whose telephone number is 571-272-2047. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, between 10:00 am and 6:30 pm..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ms. Lynn Feild can be reached on 571-272-2092. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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